

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Address to: Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Docket No.	STAN-345
	Application No.	10/769,405
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	Examiner	Nguyen, Huong Q.
	Group Art Unit	3736

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2006. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-20 and 42-61, drawn to an apparatus for monitoring cardiac function; or

Group II: Claims 21-41 and 62-76, drawn to a method for monitoring cardiac function.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-20 and 42-61, with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

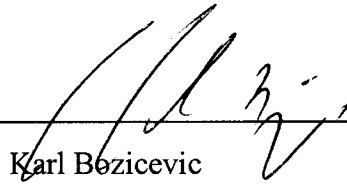
The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-345.

Respectfully submitted,

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